

**237C.9 Injunctive relief — civil action.**

1. A person who establishes, conducts, manages, or operates a children's residential facility without a certificate of approval required pursuant to [this chapter](#), or a children's residential facility with a certificate of approval that is not operating in compliance with rules adopted pursuant to [this chapter](#) or [section 282.34](#), may be restrained by temporary or permanent injunction from providing children's residential facility services or from other involvement with child care. The action may be instituted by the state or a county attorney.

2. The parent or legal guardian of a child who is placed in a children's residential facility, the state, the department of education, or the school district in which the children's residential facility is located, may bring a civil action seeking relief from conduct constituting a violation of [this chapter](#) or [section 282.34](#) or to prevent, restrain, or remedy such violation. A civil action brought by the department of education under [this subsection](#) shall be limited to seeking relief from conduct constituting a violation of [section 282.34](#). Multiple petitioners may join in a single action under [this subsection](#).

3. If successful in obtaining injunctive relief under [this section](#), the petitioner shall be awarded reasonable attorney fees and court costs.

[2016 Acts, ch 1114, §9](#)